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NEW HIGH SCHOOL CHIEF . . . John K. Steinbaugh, who will become principal of Torrance High School this fall, paid his first visit to the city over the holiday week-end, when he met with local school officials. (Herald Photo.)

New High School Principal Makes One-Day Visit by Air

John K. Steinbaugh was announced this week as the first High School principal of the new Torrance Unified School District, following a brief week-end visit in the city to meet members of the Board of Education and to confer with J. Heinrich Hull, superintendent of schools.

Steinbaugh will assume the local principalship at the opening of the fall term, when Torrance High School will be entirely separated from the Redondo Union High School District, which now has jurisdiction over the school.

Lloyd W. Waller, former vice-principal at Redondo High school who has been principal will return to Redondo Beach where he will be on the administrative staff of the Redondo Union High School District. An expansion program has been launched by the neighboring district, and new buildings are under construction.

Making a hurried trip to the city from Council Bluffs, Ia., Steinbaugh conferred at the High School Saturday morning with Harriet Hardy, girl's vice-principal at the high school, and with Earl W. Becker, vice-principal of the Junior High School.

Steinbaugh now has the principalship of Abraham Lincoln High School at Council Bluffs, which has an enrollment of some 1100 students, mostly in the 11th and 12th grades. Steinbaugh attended this school and was graduated from it, and now has approximately a dozen of his former teachers under him.

The new principal's educational qualifications include a Bachelor of Arts degree from Creighton University, and also

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City Pauses To Pay Homage To Its War Heroes

Pausing to remember and to honor their war dead, residents of Torrance observed two Memorial services over the four-day week-end. A parade and Memorial Day Services sponsored by the Waleria Civic group and youth organizations were held on Sunday, May 30th in Waleria.

On Monday, a parade, followed by services conducted on the consecrated ground on the north-east end of El Prado Park, was held by veteran and civic groups of Torrance.

As part of the impressive Waleria services three airplanes dropped flowers over the setting for the Memorial Day observances. Participating in the program were the V.F.W. posts of Torrance and Lomita, the Redondo Mounted posse, Boy Scout Troop 240 and Cub Pack 240. The event, which was arranged by Al Conger, B. J. Michels and Geo. C. Powell, featured talks by Councilman Powell, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett, and City Treasurer Margaret Fontice, and Sergeant James Callison of the Torrance Recruiting Service.

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HOME BUILDING SETS ALL-TIME RECORD IN CITY

Unprecedented residential building activity in Torrance this year already has exceeded the grand total for the entire year 1947. It was disclosed today by City Building Inspector John Patrick.

May was by far the largest month so far in 1948, with permits calling for a total of \$1,252,735, practically all of which was for new homes. The single permit issued to the Riviera Building Corporation was the largest of the year, calling for \$904,200.

With the May figure, totals for the year were brought to \$2,689,836, which well exceeds the total for all of 1947, which was \$2,462,351. In the 1947 total was a single permit for \$1,500,000 for the new American Standard Radiator Company's new plant on Crenshaw Blvd.

Three items in the May list of permits which were not for new homes were the Torrance Herald's new plant, initial permit for which was for \$39,000, a new \$70,000 Baptist church and a dewatering facility at General Petroleum to cost \$52,000.

Highest year in the history of Torrance was during 1942, when permits were issued totaling \$7,807,764, of which \$6,800,000 was for a single permit for General Petroleum's new refinery. This left only \$807,764 for other types of building for the entire 12-month period.

Up to May 31, a total of 337 new home-building permits have been issued, of which 161 were granted during May. When these homes are occupied it means a possible increase in population of 842 persons, using the average family figure of 2 1/2 per house.

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WESTERN AVENUE PROJECT ADVANCED BY CITY COUNCIL

Condemnation proceedings will be instituted this month to obtain the remainder of the land needed for widening Western avenue between Torrance Boulevard and 260th street, it was assured today, following the receipt of a letter from the Los Angeles City Council.

Next Tuesday the Torrance City Council is scheduled to adopt a resolution giving authority to the City of Los Angeles to carry through with the action in eminent domain and thus obtain the remainder of the right-of-way required. Meanwhile, last minute negotiations are being made by the bureau of right-of-way and land, at the request of the Los Angeles city engineer's office, to settle out of court for the parcels needed for the improvement. Any parcels not acquired without further delay, it was stated.

County funds totaling \$360,000 are set up for the Western avenue improvement in the preliminary budget for 1948-49, according to the county road department. The money is set up in two items, one for \$320,000 and the other for \$40,000, which it is understood is to cover the county's cost of the right of way that remains to be obtained. The state and the City of Los Angeles also have funds set aside for the work.

The Western avenue improvement is a four-way project, with the State joining with Torrance.

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COACH COLE WILL DIRECT PLAYGROUNDS

Following official action by the city council last week, a three-man Torrance City and School Joint Recreation Commission named Eddie Cole, high school coach, to act as director of a summer recreation program for the city.

The commission is composed of Councilman George Powell, George Thatcher, member of the Board of Education, and Reverend Torben Olsen, who will work with Dale Riley, superintendent of recreation. Elmer "Red" Moon, city sports director, and school officials.

Financed jointly by the city and by the Board of Education, the program calls for hiring 10 playground directors—five men and five women, to direct the activities at various school and playground locations throughout the city.

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RAYMOND V. DARBY



CECIL R. KING



VINCENT THOMAS

KING, THOMAS AND DARBY RE-ELECTED IN PRIMARIES

Local Balloting Follows Trend in Other Areas

Congressman Cecil R. King, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas and Supervisor Raymond V. Darby were returned to office by an overwhelming vote at Tuesday's primary election, with their respective leads growing by the hour, according to last-minute returns from the Registrar of Voters.

The latest compilation showed:

17th CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATIC	
King, (D-Inc)	59,724
Caldwell	6,256
Stark	5,148
Warrick	6,240

REPUBLICAN	
King	19,681
Caukins	12,850
Reinheimer	9,721
Warrick	2,992

68th ASSEMBLY DEMOCRATIC	
Thomas (D, Inc)	11,117
Culp	1,800
McDermott	725
Quinn	1,545

REPUBLICAN	
Thomas	2,899
Quinn	2,591

4th SUPERVISORIAL	
Darby (Inc)	135,918
Mann	19,337
Salmon Sr.	27,274

Torrance and Lomita followed the district trend in giving heavy majorities to incumbents. Congressman Cecil R. King, representative of the 17th district; Assemblyman Vincent Thomas of the 68th State Legislative district, both received flattering majorities in both the Democratic and Republican tickets.

Likewise, Raymond V. Darby.

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EDITORIAL

Tomorrow Is an Important Day

Tomorrow is an important day in Torrance. For children, it's Christmas, the Fourth, circus day and the beginning of summer vacation, all packaged into one. But it would be difficult to convince them. How can one explain the importance of the school bond election in terms of full sessions of school, modern classrooms, desks instead of tables, and paved play areas to children whose comprehension of such things is stunted by the times and circumstances into which they were born.

Tomorrow is an important day for parents. They see the threat of double sessions and inadequate classroom facilities if money is not made available for new school buildings. They see their child's eyesight in jeopardy through improper lighting in crowded classrooms. They can foresee the talents in their youngsters undeveloped, their future social and mental growth retarded.

Tomorrow is an important day for teachers. Within the 12-hour polling period they place their hopes for relief from the frustration and dissatisfaction of a job done not quite well enough because there isn't enough time, nor enough room, nor enough equipment to do their work efficiently and thoroughly. They can visualize the many queuing faces and eager hands stretching out to them for the knowledge that they are unable to give them because of insufficient facilities.

Tomorrow is an important day for Torrance. Without adequate schools no city, no business, no industry can hope to attract and to retain the citizens, executives or skilled workers of the quality required for progress, prosperity and production.

Tomorrow is an important day for the taxpayer. His is a bitter choice between two undesirable, of adding to the already heavy burden of government cost or of personal economizing at the expense of the community and its children.

Tomorrow is an important day for the voter. He who favors the school bond proposal knows his vote has little more than half its usual value because a 2 to 1 majority is required; he feels that apathetic failure to vote is less likely to be found in the opposition than among the supporters of the program.

He who votes against the bond issue does so with the knowledge that two affirmative votes of his neighbors are required to match his one.

Tomorrow should be an important day for ALL of us. No matter what standard of personal appraisal an adult may apply to the school bond election, its ultimate significance resides in the effect of his vote on the lives of the boys and girls of the entire Torrance area.

To vote other than YES, or to fail to vote, is a risky piece of citizenship.

FUNDS NEEDED TO KEEP PACE WITH GROWTH

Torrance voters will go to the polls tomorrow to vote on a carefully-planned program for expansion of the city's school system to enable it to keep pace with a population growth that is the greatest in the city's history.

It will be the second time this week that the voters have gone to the polls, but the issues in tomorrow's election are strictly local in character, and of even more importance.

Briefly, the voters will pass on two proposals—one for the elementary school and the other for the high school district.

For expansion of the elementary system it is proposed to issue \$1,322,000 in long-term bonds to finance the construction of 44 classrooms in four school buildings, and for auxiliary services for the education of the children of the families who are now moving into the several new housing projects within the city.

Secondly, a smaller bond issue of \$182,900 is earmarked for the high school district, including lighting of the football field, a new high school cafeteria, and equipment for the high school machine shop, where practical training is given in shop work.

Electrical equipment also is to be provided to teach radio repair and electrical work in general, to enable high school graduates to step into jobs if they do not go to college. Equip-

These Offices Can Advise You Where To Vote

If you wish to find out where to vote at Friday's special school bond election in Torrance, you may call any of the following school principals:

- Fern Avenue—Torrance 2098
- Torrance Elementary — Torr. 2338
- Perry School—Redondo 3716
- Waleria School—Redondo 7293

Or you may call the administrative offices at Torr. 1653.

ment also is needed for the school's science laboratories, to keep pace with new developments in physics and chemistry.

Home economics training will be expanded, for which new equipment is needed and would be provided if the bonds carry.

Third, a service unit is to be provided, including bus barns and shops for maintenance of the school vehicles, offices and a board meeting room.

Voting hours will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Culver City, which has a school set-up similar to Torrance in that it withdrew from the Los Angeles district, only recently passed a \$1,600,000 school bond issue by 10 to 1. Like Torrance, Culver City also required funds to meet needed school requirements resulting from the city's rapid growth.

Official Voting Places Listed

Following are the official precincts for the special Torrance school bond election tomorrow, June 4:

School Bond Election Precinct 1: Including all of El Nido and that portion of Torrance City general election precinct No. 1 lying west of Yukon avenue.

Voting place—Perry school, 17831 Prairie avenue.

School Bond Election Precinct 2: All that portion of Torrance City general election precinct No. 1 lying east of Yukon avenue and those portions of Maneta precincts Nos. 1 and 8 lying within the Torrance City School District.

Voting place—2256 West 182nd street, Torrance.

School Bond Election Precinct 3: All of Torrance City general election precincts Nos. 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 14 and 15, and all that portion of Torrance City general election precinct No. 11 lying north of Sepulveda Boulevard.

Voting place—Torrance Elementary School, 2205 Martins avenue.

School Bond Election Precinct 4: All of Torrance City general election precincts Nos. 2, 6, 7, 13, 17 and 18.

Voting place—Fern Avenue School, 1314 Fern avenue.

School Bond Election Precinct 5: All of Torrance City general election precinct No. 10 and all that portion of Torrance City general election precinct No. 11

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Weather Man Just Makes It

After having packed away his rain gauge for the summer, the Weather Man dashed frantically to the cabinet wherein he keeps his weather gimmicks and got it open in time to record 0.06 of an inch of rain on Tuesday, June 1.

Precipitation which dropped into the gauge on Wednesday only came up to the "trace" mark. Then, he told us, it rained last night on June 2 also.

We got a wet and cold shoulder when we asked him if he had a way of measuring the lightning and thunder that accompanied the week's storm, that some persons mistook for naval gunfire off the coast.

Temperature recordings for the week were:

Day	Maximum	Minimum
May 27	66	55
28	70	51
29	71	51
30	68	47
31	68	57
June 1	70	56



"IT MAY NOT BE THE NEW LOOK" . . . say these members of the Torrance High School Band, "but it will be a different look especially if we have to march at football games in the uniforms we don't have." Modeling the missing uniforms are Sousaphonists Bob Pickett, Ronnie Selover and Larry Kleinhaus. (Staff Photo.)